



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **S. 1418** **United States Commitment to Global Child Survival Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on February 13, 2008*

### **SUMMARY**

S. 1418 would require the President to develop a comprehensive strategy to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries and to furnish assistance to accomplish those goals. For those purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5.9 billion over a five-year period. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1418 would cost about \$30 million in 2008 and \$4.9 billion over the 2008-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 1418 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1418 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	600	900	1,200	1,600	1,600	0
Estimated Outlays	30	510	787	1,081	1,367	1,171

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

S. 1418 would require the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to expand several existing programs focused on improving the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries. The bill would double to 60 the number of countries in which USAID operates those programs and require an interagency task force to assess the effectiveness of the aid and activities.

For those purposes, S. 1418 would authorize the appropriation of up to \$600 million in 2008, \$900 million in 2009, \$1.2 billion in 2010, and \$1.6 billion for each of years 2011 and 2012. To date, the Congress has provided USAID with \$450 million to fund its current children's and mothers' health programs in fiscal year 2008.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1418 will be enacted by early summer, that the maximum authorized amounts are appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical patterns for existing programs. (Funding for 2008 would have to be provided in a supplemental appropriation act; most of any such 2008 supplemental would be spent in later years.)

Based on information from USAID, CBO estimates that the amount authorized to be appropriated is sufficient to fund the expanded requirements and that implementing S. 1418 would cost about \$4.9 billion over the 2008-2013 period. Most of the remaining amount from the authorized funding would be spent by 2018.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1418 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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